

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Scott Sales, on February 6, 2015 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Scott Sales, Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 199, 1/23/2015; HB 25, 1/30/2015; HB 26, 1/30/2015

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:50 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 25,
Revise laws relating to housing for offenders.

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:20 Adrienne Slaughter, Department of Corrections (COR)

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a02\)](#)

00:06:45 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians/Churches (MAC)

00:08:18 Dr. Gary Mihelish, self, Re-entry Task Force, Department of Corrections (COR)

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a03\)](#)

00:12:20 Jim Nolan, Human Resources Development Council (HRDC), Montana
Continuum of Care (MCC)

00:13:33 Casey Dunning, director, Missoula Interfaith Collaborative (MIC)

00:16:13 Tim McNab, self, Missoula

00:17:32 Faye Slice, self, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a04\)](#)

00:21:55 Shane Morigeau, Confederated and Salish and Kootenai Tribe (CSKT) also for
Vernon Finley, Chairman, CSKT

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a05\)](#)

00:24:14 Robert Howe, self, Missoula

00:25:35 Greg Arciello, self

00:27:10 Debra Toomey, self, former Probation Officer, Missoula

00:28:23 Marguerite Thurlo, self, Missoula

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:26 Sen. Sands

00:29:58 Rep. MacDonald

00:31:46 Ms. Slaughter, COR

00:32:34 Sen. McNally

00:32:59 Ms. Slaughter

00:33:47 Sen. Swandal

00:34:01 Ms. Slaughter

00:34:55 Sen. Fielder
00:35:13 Rep. MacDonald
00:37:59 Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:38:12 Sen. Fielder
00:38:37 Rep. MacDonald
00:39:20 Sen. Hinkle
00:40:13 Rep. MacDonald
00:40:41 Sen. Hinkle
00:41:22 Ms. Slaughter
00:42:03 Sen. Moe
00:42:49 Ms. Slaughter
00:44:54 Sen. Fielder
00:45:27 Rep. MacDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:41 Rep. MacDonald

HEARING ON HB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:12 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 26, Adjust debt limit allowed for summary dissolution.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:14 Beth McLaughlin, supreme court administrator, District Court Judges, Montana Judges Association (MJA)
00:52:51 Linda Gryczan, president, Montana Mediation Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:12 Rep. MacDonald

HEARING ON SB 199

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:50 Sen. Janna Taylor (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 199, Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts.

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:45 Tom Osborne, self, Kalispell

(Chairman Sales left the committee hearing room; Vice-Chair Sen. Fielder assumed Chairperson's role)

01:08:38 Janet Walters, self, Lakeside

01:12:02 Dennis Nelsen, self, Big Fork

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a07\)](#)

01:13:29 Carol Nelson, self, Big Fork

01:14:13 May Osborne, self, Kalispell

01:14:37 Caroline Solomon, self, Big Fork

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a08\)](#)

01:16:47 Harry Solomon, self, Big Fork

01:17:53 Davida Constant, also for Mary and William Milheim

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a10\)](#)

(Chairman Sales returned to the hearing room)

01:21:39 Bruce Constant, self

01:22:40 Norm Johnson, self, Polson

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a11\)](#)

01:27:07 Julie Moffitt, self

01:28:55 Mike Hebert, self, Lakeside

01:31:26 Barbara Austin, self

01:32:36 Calvin Beringer, self

01:35:39 Jay Trepanier, self

01:36:15 Phylis Martineau, self

01:36:39 Leonard Castro, self

01:36:58 Lynzie Castro, self

01:37:15 Chuck Hinkle, self

01:37:37 Heidi Hinkle, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:38:08 Rachel Carroll-Rivas, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

[EXHIBIT\(jus27a12\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:01 Sen. Taylor

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus27aad.pdf](#))